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(C/NF) This report contains additional information on the alleged imprisonment and torture of Ronaldo and Rogerio Duarte reported in referenced telegram. It was obtained from source during a contact party at Reporting Officer's apartment.

1. (C) As reported in referenced Embassy message, local press carried accounts of alleged imprisonment and torture of Duarte brothers by the Army after they were arrested during recent student riots. Brothers claimed they were held for over a week in an Army quartel in the Vila Militar where they were interrogated and tortured. Army replied to charges in an official note from Major General Cunha Garcia, 1st Army interim commander, which categorically denied any Army participation in the affair.

2. (C/NF) On 23 April 1968, source told that Duarte brothers had, in fact, been held by the Army in the quartel of the 1st Communications Bn. at the Vila Militar and that the principal inquisitor had been a Colonel Camara (probably LTC Jose Goulart Camara). Source said that Camara really put the heat

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on the brothers.

3. (U) On 24 April 1968, the "Ultima Hora" appeared with headlines and story on the case, stating that lawyers for the Duartes now had two witnesses that would testify that brothers had been held in the Vila and that the commander of an engineer unit had been relieved of his command, because of his implication in the alleged torture. Local papers of 25 April 1968 say that Army has denied that LTC Jose Goulart Camara has been relieved of command of the 1st Div. Communications Bn. because of the Duarte case.

4. (U) This report is classified NO FOREIGN DISSEM to protect source.

COMMENT: (C/NF) has confidence in source and believes that story is true. It would appear that if press and Duarte lawyers continue to dig, they will cause the Army great embarrassment and the Army's highly valued prestige with the people will be tarnished. At any rate, General Garcia and the Army are in a bind.

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